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Turning now to the Secretary General's proposed programme budget for 2014-2015, the EU Member States acknowledge the efforts the Secretary General has made, as set out in his recent letter to the PGA, to present a budget in line with the budget outline level of \$5.392 billion the General Assembly agreed last December and the thorough internal process undertaken with all programme managers to

forward to working closely with all partners with the aim of agreeing a realistic and sustainable budget for the next two years.

I thank you, Mr Chairman.